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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joe DeMay of the Sun City retirement community in Huntley, who passed away on July 31, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Joe DeMay was born in Palermo, Sicily on October 22, 1933 to Vincenzo and Vincenza Chichirillo Iannacco; his father passed away in 1935, his mother married Anthony DeMay, and the family moved to Jeannette, Pennsylvania; in the summer of 1951, they relocated to Harvard; he graduated from Harvard High School in 1953 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; he was stationed at the U.S. Navy Atomic Testing Base outside of Las Vegas, Nevada for 2 years; he married Judy Simonini on September 1, 1956 at St. Joseph's Church in Harvard; and

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WHEREAS, Joe DeMay was employed by the Admiral Television Corporation in Harvard in various management positions from 1956 until the plant's closing in 1980; he then was Quality Control Manager at General Power and Equipment for 12 years; and

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WHEREAS, Joe DeMay served as Harvard Community Credit Union President and Treasurer for 30 years; he was active in a number of civic matters, including serving as a Harvard City Alderman

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1 for 23 years and as City Treasurer for 7 years; he was Chairman
2 of Harvard's Bicentennial Commission in honor of the nation's
3 bicentennial celebration; he was heavily involved in Harvard's
4 annual Milk Days, serving as General Chairman, as Parade
5 Chairman, and on their Executive Board for 20 years; he was a
6 member of the Harvard Lions Club for 30 years, with 28 years of
7 perfect attendance; he received the 1969 Harvard JayCee
8 Distinguished Service Award; he was a member of the Harvard
9 Moose Lodge for 35 years and a member of the Harvard Historical
10 Society; he served on the Harvard Library Board for 7 years and
11 on the Chamber of Commerce Board; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1999, Joe DeMay and his wife moved to the Sun
13 City retirement community in Huntley to enjoy their retirement
14 years; while there, he was a charter member of the Italian
15 American Club, served as President of the Pinochle Club, and
16 was a member of the Bocce Club, the Bowling Club, and the
17 Polish Club; he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in
18 Huntley; he and his wife loved to travel and particularly
19 enjoyed taking cruises; they travelled within the United States
20 and to many countries around the world; his interests included
21 playing pinochle, golf, and bocce; he was a talented artist and
22 a great cook; and

23 WHEREAS, Joe DeMay was preceded in death by his parents and
24 his parents-in-law, Louis and Esther Simonini; and

1 WHEREAS, Joe DeMay is survived by his wife, Judy; his
2 daughter, Debbie Reising; his son, Joe (Kendra); his
3 grandchildren, Angela Reising, Steve (Sonia) Reising, and
4 Tatum DeMay; his great-grandchildren, Giovanni, Giada, and
5 Georgia Reising; his brother, Tony; his brothers-in-law, Bob
6 (Jennet) Simonini and Bill (Mary Jane) Simonini; and several
7 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Joe DeMay, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
11 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Joe DeMay as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.